## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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ABLE RADIO CORPORATION	§ CASE NO. 13-33105-H5-7
ACE RADIO CORPORATION	§ CASE NO. 13-33107-H5-7
Debtors	§ JUDGE BROWN
	§ Substantively Consolidated under:
	§ Case No. 13-33105-H5-7

Trustee's Motion to Sell Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims and Encumbrances and Request for Approval of Auction Process

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This motion seeks an order that may adversely affect you. If you oppose the motion, you should immediately contact the moving party to resolve the dispute. If you and the moving party cannot agree, you must file a response and send a copy to the moving party. You must file and serve your response within 21 days of the date this was served on you. Your response must state why the motion should not be granted. If you do not file a timely response, the relief may be granted without further notice to you. If you oppose the motion and have not reached an agreement, you must attend the hearing. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the court may then consider evidence at the hearing and may decide the motion at the hearing.

Represented parties should act through their attorney.

There will be a hearing on this motion on March 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom No. 403, 515 Rusk Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002.

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#### TO THE HONORABLE KAREN BROWN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

This Motion seeks approval for a sale of certain assets of this estate and seeks approval for an auction process.

#### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334(b). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1408 & 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(A) & (N).

## **Background**

- 2. On May 22, 2013, both Able Radio Corporation and Ace Radio Corporation (the "Debtors") filed Voluntary Petitions under Chapter 7of the Bankruptcy Code. Rodney Tow was appointed Chapter 7 Trustee, in both cases, qualified, and continues to act in that capacity.
- 3. On September 5, 2013, this Court entered an Order Granting Motion for Joint Administration. On September 12, 2014, this Court entered an Order Granting Motion to Consolidate.
- 4. The Debtor, Able Radio, owns a permit known as the Aguila, AZ Construction Permit FCC Facility ID. No. 170953, FCC file No. BNPH-20070403ACO (the "Permit"). The Permit was valued on the Debtor's Schedules at \$1,659,000.00.
- 5. The Trustee has received offers to purchase the Permit from Brian Brady and JMRW, LLC, both in the amount of \$140,000.00 and believes with the right marketing he might attract additional bidders for the Permit.
- 6. On December 3, 2014, this Court entered an Order Authorizing Employment and Payment of the Proctor Group, Inc. at Docket No. 93. Mr. Proctor has prepared a DSC site coverage map for the Permit and has been aggressively marketing the Permit to potential bidders.

- 7. As there are already two bidders on the Permit and the potential for more interested parties, the Trustee has determined that an auction of the Permit is warranted. JMRW, LLC or its designee ("JMRW") and Brian Brady, each with an initial bid of \$140,000.00, shall be designated as Qualified Bidders at the auction, so long as by the Bid Qualification Deadline, each provides a deposit in cash or cash equivalent to the Trustee in the amount of \$100,000.00, and each provide evidence of the ability to close on a bid of at least \$200,000.00. At the Auction, the Trustee will only accept additional bids in amounts of not less than \$2,500 over the initial offer and in \$2,500 increments thereafter. The Trustee shall determine bidding order at the auction in the exercise of his business judgment.
- 8. The Auction is currently scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on March 18, 2015.
- 9. In order to be a qualified bidder at the Auction, other potential bidders must submit an unconditional cash offer, wire a bidding deposit of \$100,000 to the Trustee, and provide evidence of the ability to close on a bid of at least \$200,000.00.
- 10. The Bid Qualification Deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST on March 11, 2015.
- 11. According to the Schedules filed by the Debtor, there are no secured creditors with an interest in the Permit and the Debtors only have one allowed creditor, Matinee Media.
- 12. The sale of the Permit will provide payment to the only creditor of these Estates.
- 13. The tax consequences to the estate cannot be determined until a final bid is accepted but it is unlikely that this sale will result in any income tax liability.

## The Initial Offer Received by the Trustee

- 14. The initial purchase offer received by the Trustee was from JMRW in an offer to purchase all of the assets of the two Estates for one price. The Trustee declined that offer. A cash offer to purchase the Property was then received from Brian Brady in the amount of \$140,000.00 (the "Brady Offer"). The Brady Offer is attached as Exhibit "A".
- 15. JMRW made a subsequent cash offer in the same amount as the Brady Offer, but it agreed to tender a deposit of \$100,000 in cash prior to the sale (the "JMRW Offer"). The JMRW Offer has expired by its terms, but JMRW may become a Qualified Bidder as set forth above The JMRW Offer is attached as Exhibit "B".
- 16. The Permit will be sold free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363(f), on an "as is" basis.
- The Trustee has agreed to accept JMRW and Brian Brady's bids as a stalking horse bids.

  The Trustee believes that these stalking horse bids will enhance the Trustee's ability to sell the Permit and will result in a higher bid price at auction as they demonstrate two willing purchasers in the amount of \$140,000.00. The stalking horse bids will enhance the Trustee's ability to sell the assets because it establishes a floor for offers and allows the Trustee to file this motion at this time rather than at some later date. This bid will also result in a higher bid price at auction because it allows the Permit to be sold now while it is at a maximum value.

## **An Auction is Expected**

- 18. The two current bids indicate that there is a very strong likelihood of an auction. In fact,

  Mr. Proctor is currently marketing the Permit with prospective bidders regarding the

  initial topping bid requirements and the bidding requirements at the auction.
- 19. The Trustee reserves the right to alter the terms of the sale and/or the auction until the order approving the auction has been signed. If you want to know about any changes you MUST attend the hearing to approve the auction process. These changes may be made with no additional notice of the change. If you are concerned about the terms of the sale or auction, you must appear at the hearing set by the Court for the approval of the auction process. You will receive notice of that hearing.
- 20. The conditions of the sale are summarized as follows:
  - a. Unless agreed in writing by the Trustee, each bidder will enter into the same agreement to purchase the Permit as currently offered by JMRW and/or Brian Bradyand the sale will be free and clear as allowed in 11 U.S.C. §363. Bidders and the Trustee may vary the terms of each agreement to purchase the Permit, however, any changes may affect the Trustee's determination regarding the highest and best bid.
  - b. The Trustee reserves the right to stop bidding for a break or to allow bidders to consult with their advisors or companies to determine a bid price. There is neither a limit on the number of times that the Trustee can stop bidding for these purposes nor is the Trustee required to stop bidding for these purposes.

- c. At closing, all funds will be paid to the Trustee pending distribution authorized by the Court.
- d. A bill of sale or any other necessary document will be used to convey the Permit.
- e. No commission will be paid by the estate.
- f. Bidding will only be accepted in a minimum of \$2,500 increments over the initial offers of \$140,000.00.

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

- 21. The Trustee believes the sale is in the best interest of the estate because it is the fastest and easiest way to sell the Permit and will provide the estate with the best recovery.
- 22. Information regarding the Permit can be obtained by contacting the Trustee, Rodney Tow, 26219 Oak Ridge Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77380; (281)681-9100, rtow@towkoenig.com.
- 23. Objections and requests for hearing before the Bankruptcy Judge, if any, as to the above sale, shall be in writing and filed with the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and served upon the Trustee. Any objections not timely filed and served may be deemed waived.
- 24. It is anticipated that other offers will be received. Therefore, the Trustee requests that an auction process be approved so that the assets can be sold on the same day of the hearing, at auction, if necessary.

#### **The Auction Process**

- 25. The Trustee requests that the Court approve the following auction process:
  - a. The Permit will be sold to the highest and best bidder as determined by the
     Trustee and approved by the Court.

- b. The Auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 18, 2015. Bidders may participate in person or by telephone.
- The Permit will be sold where is and as is with all faults. Each bidder will be deemed to accept the Permit in that condition.
- d. The initial competing offer must exceed the JMRW and Brian Brady offers by at least \$2,500.00. Subsequent bidding will be in increments of \$2,500.00 or more. All bids will be calculated to account for net proceeds to the estate, i.e. bids will be adjusted to show net amount after other expenses as the Trustee deems necessary.
- e. Bids may contain conditions acceptable to the Trustee.
- f. Bidders must advise the Trustee in writing that they accept the terms and conditions of the auction process as set out in this motion, any motion filed by the Trustee to approve the auction process, and any requirements established by the Bankruptcy Court.
- g. All bids will be binding until the Trustee has closed the sale of the Property. The Trustee will request the Court to prioritize the bids beginning with the highest and best bid and continuing down until each bid has been prioritized. The Trustee will request the Court to authorize him to close the sale with each bidder in the order of priority set out by the Court. In the event the highest and best bid fails to timely close, the Trustee will be authorized to close the sale with other bidders in the order of the priority set out by the Court. The Trustee is authorized to extend the time for closing of any bid.

h. Any bidder that fails to close within five days after being notified by the Trustee that its bid is accepted shall forfeit its right to purchase the Permit and will forfeit \$25,000.00 of its \$100,000.00 deposit.

i. Bidders may not withdraw bids after the bidding process has begun.

j. The Trustee shall notify the Court and all other bidders if the highest and best bidder fails to close and that the next highest bid is accepted. The Closing Date shall be within five days from the date of filing the notification or as extended by

the Trustee.

26. The Trustee requests that the bidders be determined to be in good faith as that term is used in 11 U.S.C. §363(m) so bidders may close within ten days from the entry of the

order approving the sale.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Rodney Tow, Trustee, moves this Court to grant this Motion to Sell Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims and Encumbrances and Request for Approval of Auction Process, that the sale be free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, and for such other and further relief that he may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

## **COOPER & SCULLY, PC.**

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## **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served on all of the parties on the attached service list, including parties requesting notice, via either ECF Notification or by first class mail, proper postage affixed, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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